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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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 Referring to FIG. 1, a bowling shoe 10 has an upper 12 and an outsole 14, the outsole having a fore sole 16 and a heel 18. Referring now also to FIGS. 2-5, in a preferred embodiment of the invention, the heel 18 includes a heel surface element 20 that is removably attached in a manner to permit, e.g., a bowler, to selectively attach heel surface elements 20, 20', 20" (FIG. 1A) of different performance characteristics, e.g., coefficient of friction. The heel surface element 20 may be formed of any suitable material, including rubber, leather and polymeric material, formulated in a manner known to those skilled in the art to provide desired performance and other characteristics. One such suitable material is GOODYEAR® GOLD. In the preferred embodiment, the heel surface element has a width, W, e.g., about 103.3 mm, and an overall front-to-back length, L, e.g., about 100 mm. The concept of sets of removable heel surface

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